

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Office for the attention accorded the present Application in the February 27, 2006, Office Action. Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant does not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11, and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Montalvo et al. (US 6,693,969) in view of Khan (US 6,483,388). Claims 2 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-6, 12, and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Drawings

Applicant has amended Figs. 1, 2 and 8 of the original drawings and are labeled "Replacement Sheet" as noted in the attached Letter to the Official Draftsperson.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the Specification as noted above. The wordings have been amended to correspond to the currently amended claims.